

Latvia

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to Latvia due to COVID-19. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as the stay is less than 90 days, within a six month period.

US Embassy/Consulate

+(371) 6710-7000 or +(371) 2920-5708; US Embassy Riga, Samnera Velsa iela 1, Riga LV-1510, Latvia

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

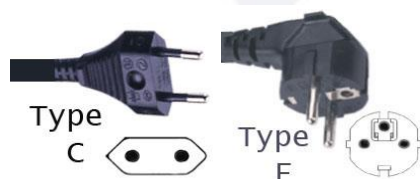
Maritime; wet, moderate winters

Currency (Code)

Euros (EUR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz /plug type(s): C, F



Major Languages

Latvian (official) 56.3%, Russian 33.8%, other 0.6% (includes Polish, Ukrainian, and Belarusian), unspecified 9.4%

Religions

Lutheran 36.2%, Roman Catholic 19.5%, Orthodox 19.1%, other Christian 1.6%, other 0.1%, unspecified/none 23.5%

Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March; ends last Sunday in October

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right

Tourist destinations

Gauja National Park; Jurmala Resort; Rundale Palace & Museum; Turaida Museum

	Reserve; Riga (includes Freedom Statue, Saint Peter's Church, Blackheads House)
Cultural Practices	Even numbers of flowers indicate mourning, so be sure to present odd numbers of flowers in arrangements.
Tipping Guidelines	A 10% tip for good table service at a restaurant or lounge is appreciated. Round up the bill for bartenders and cab drivers.
Telephone Code	371
Local Emergency Phone	Ambulance: 112, 03; Fire: 112, 01; Police: 112, 02

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](#)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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